WHEREAS, Nearly 175,000 South Dakotans alive today will contract cancer in their lifetimes, of which over 100,000 will die of this disease if present trends continue; and,

WHEREAS, One out of three are now being cured of cancer; and,

WHEREAS, One out of two cancer patients can be cured with present knowledge and methods of treatment, if diagnosed in time and properly treated; and,

WHEREAS, An annual physical check-up and knowledge of the Seven Warning Signals of cancer popularized by the American Cancer Society can help save thousands of lives from cancer; and,

WHEREAS, some cancers can be prevented; most lung cancers are caused by cigarette smoking, and most skin cancers by frequent exposure to direct sunlight; and,

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society provides crucial, flexible support for both laboratory researchers and clinicians:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

CANCER CONTROL MONTH

and urge all residents of South Dakota to support the educational and fund raising efforts of the American Cancer Society as part of Cancer Control Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this 10th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Hersfeth

LORNA B. HERSFETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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